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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A235
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Dear Sir or Madame:

This appeal is in regards to 1) the attached letter from the Schools and Libraries Division, 2) the attached appeal letter from the Okemah Public Library to the Schools and Libraries Division, and 3) the attached U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail Receipt dated January 16, 2001.

My name is Bonnie Crawford and I am the director of the Okemah Public Library (Entity #154433). I received a postcard from the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) stating that my funding request for Form 471 application #235133 had been denied because I had not mailed the Block 6 certification and attachments before the closing of the filing window on January 18, 2001. I wrote an appeal letter with a copy of my Certified Mail Receipt showing that I had mailed the Block 6 certification and attachments on January 16, 2001-two days prior to the deadline.

I received a response to my appeal letter from SLD dated August 21, 2001. The letter is a generic response that does not address my problem. My library consultant at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Desiree Webber, has spoken with George McDonald, President of SLD, regarding the letter. Mr. McDonald agreed that it is a generic letter and does not match my situation. I am not asking for an extension of the deadline-as stated in the response from SLD-I met the deadline. Mr. McDonald said the problem is that attachments have not been matched up with the Form 471s. In the meantime, my appeal is still being denied-which leads me to write to you.

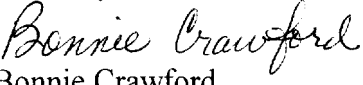
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I believe that my request in Form 471 #235133 should be funded because I did meet the filing/postmark deadline.

Thank you for considering this appeal. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Bonnie Crawford
Library Director

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Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Sir or Madam:

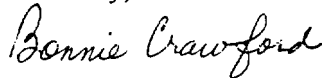
This is a letter appealing the SLD decision regarding Form 471 – 235133, Applicant Name: Okemah Public Library, Entity number 154433. Date of postcard from SLD is August 6, 2001, 2001-2002 E-Rate Applicants.

The postcard state that the "Block 6 certification and/or Item 21 attachments were postmarked after the 2001-2002 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. ET on January 18, 2001. I have in possession the U.S. Postal Certified Mail Receipt showing that the Block 6 certification and Item 21 attachments were postmarked January 16, 2001. I met the filing window deadline and the Form 471, number 235133, should be reviewed for funding approval.

Enclosed please find a copy of the certified mail receipt and the postcard stating that Form 471, 235133, was postmarked prior to the January 18 filing deadline.

Thank you for considering of this appeal.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Crawford
Library Director

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Administrator's Decision on Waiver Request

August 21, 2001

Bonnie Crawford, Library Director
Okemah Public Library
301 S. 2nd Street
Okemah, OK 74859

Re: Your Request for Waiver of Application Window For Program Year 4 2001-2002

Application Number: 235133

Date Request Received: August 13, 2001

The Schools and Libraries Division received your request, cited above, for a waiver of the application window deadline for the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism (E-Rate).

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) to consider your request. Therefore, your request for a waiver of the application window deadline may not be considered by SLD. If you wish to appeal this decision, you may submit an appeal to the FCC at the following address:

**Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554**

You must file an appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date of this letter, in order for your appeal to be considered by the FCC.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

**YOUR FORM 471 HAS BEEN RECEIVED –
BUT POSTMARKED AFTER THE JANUARY 18 WINDOW CLOSED**

We're sending this card to thank you for your recent Form 471 application but also to let you know that your application, Block 6 Certifications, and/or Item 21 attachments were postmarked after the 2001-2002 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. ET on January 18, 2001.

We are holding your application/attachments. However, your Form 471 application will not be considered for discount funding for the 2001-2002 Funding Year. Sufficient funds are not available.

For more information about the processing of 2001-2002 applications, about appealing the status of your Form 471 application, or about plans for the 2002-2003 application process, please visit our web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

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